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SUBJECT: SINKING OF GREEK SHIP BY MINE OFF TRIPOLI

1. THE ARAB REVOLUTION NEWS AGENCY ON 26 JUNE CARRIED
THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE:

" TWO GREEK CARGO SHIPS ENTERED A MINE FIELD EAST OF
TRIPOLI PORT EARLIER THIS WEEK AND ONE OF THEM SANK
WHILE THE OTHER SUFFERED DAMAGES, A RELIABLE OFFICIAL AT
THE GENERAL CORPORATION OF PORTS AND LIGHTS ANNOUNCED
HERE TODAY.

" ALL CREW MEMBERS WERE RESCUED ALIVE. THE OFFICIAL
STATED THAT THE TWO SHIPS NEGLECTED PICKING UP
RECEPTION OF WARNINGS ABOUT THE LOCATION OF THE
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FIELD AND FAILED TO CONTACT THE RADAR STATION THIRTY
MILES PRIOR TO ARRIVING IN THE PORT.

" THE PORT AUTHORITIES, HE EXPLAINED, MADE THE WARNINGS
FOUR TIMES DAILY IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE INTERNATIONAL
CODE AND TIMING. OTHER SHIPS, INCLUDING GREEK SHIPS,
ENTERED THE PORT SAFELY BECAUSE THEY TOOK CARE OF THE
WARNINGS AND FOLLOWED INSTRUCTIONS THE OFFICIAL ADDED.
" THE LIBYAN ARAB REPUBLIC HAS BEEN TRANSMITTING
WARNINGS TO THIS EFFECT SINCE JUNE 19."

2. WE WOULD BE CURIOUS TO KNOW WHETHER ANY ADDRESSEES
ARE AWARE OF EXACT TEXT OF LIBYAN ANNOUNCEMENTS THAT
THE AREA EAST OF TRIPOLI HAD BEEN MINED.

3. BELIEVE VERIFICATION SHOULD BE MADE THROUGH
NORMAL MARINE INFORMATION CHANNELS, AND DISSEMINATED
IN SAME WAY.

4. DECLASSIFY UPON RECEIPT.
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